THE ANCHAL BILL.

Mr. Raman Pillai.—At a previous meeting of the Council, permission was granted to me to introduce the Anchal Bill. The Bill has been published in the Gazette and copies have been circulated among the Members. I beg permission to introduce the Bill and to move that the principle thereof be affirmed.

Seconded by Mr. Ananda Row.

Carried.

Mr. Raman Pillai then proposed that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Ananda Row, Mr. Easwara Pillai and the Mover, to report within two months.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE TOWNS CONSERVANCY AND IMPROVEMENT REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on this Bill. The report has been published in the Gazette. But I have to say that there are several important amendments now under the consideration of the Government, which may have to be embodied in the amending Bill. I therefore pray that the consideration of the Select Committee's Report on this Bill be postponed to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE RUBBER THEFTS PREVENTION BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the Rubber Thefts Prevention Bill. The Bill originally prepared by Mr. Richardson, having been found deficient in several points, has been re-drafted by the Committee on the lines of the Rubber Thefts Prevention Ordinance of Ceylon, without altering the principle of the Bill already affirmed by the Council. I beg to move that the report be taken up for consideration.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

Section 2.

Mr. Vieyra.—Sir, I propose that the word "Government" be substituted for the word "Dewan" in this Section and wherever this latter word occurs throughout the Bill, except in clause (2) of Section 5.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

Section 3.

Mr. Vieyra.—The expression "Dewan Peishkar" occurring in this as well as other Sections of the Bill, is not sufficiently comprehensive to include every officer in charge of a Revenue Division, such as the Superintendent of the Devicolam Division. I therefore propose that the words "Peishkar or other officer in charge of the Revenue Division" be substituted for the words "Dewan Peishkar" wherever ...er expression occurs throughout the Bill, except in clause (2) of Section 5 ...f Section 14 ...e, to avoid repetition, the words "Peishkar or other ...d" ...tuted; and also except in Section 9, clause (1), where ...k" may be substituted, as the duty of issuing the ...sed dealers therein referred to, may conveniently

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